

Spring Independent School District

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**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
WORK SESSION
5:30 PM, OCTOBER 12, 2017
BOARD ROOM
GORDON M. ANDERSON LEADERSHIP CENTER
16717 ELLA BOULEVARD, HOUSTON, TEXAS 77090**

MINUTES

I. Call to Order

President Deborah Jensen called the Work Session of the Spring Independent School District Board of Trustees to order at 5:32 P.M. on October 12, 2017, in the Board Room of the Gordon M. Anderson Leadership Center, 16717 Ella Boulevard, Houston, Texas, in accordance with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

Members Present:

Dr. Deborah Jensen, President
Chris Bell, Vice President (arrived at 5:45 P.M.)
Rhonda Newhouse, Secretary
Justine Durant, Assistant Secretary
Donald Davis
Jana Gonzales

Members Absent:

Rhonda Faust

Others Present:

Rodney Watson, Superintendent of Schools
Victor Mitchell, Chief of Police
Julie Hill, Chief of Staff
Lupita Hinojosa, Chief of School Leadership and Student Support Services
Mark Miranda, Chief Operations Officer
Deeone McKeithan, Chief Human Resources Officer
Ann Westbrooks, Chief Financial Officer
Tiffany Dunne-Oldfield, Chief Communications Officer
Jeremy Binkley, Legal Officer
Jason Sheffer, Director of Board Services

II. Minutes from Prior Meetings

A. The Board reviewed the Minutes from the following meetings:

1. September 7, 2017 Board Work Session
2. September 12, 2017 Regular Board Meeting
3. September 25, 2017 Special Called Session

No changes to the Minutes were identified.

III. Opening Remarks

A. Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Rodney Watson discussed the Board's recent attendance at the 2017 TASA/TASB Convention and highlighted the presentations that would follow on the agenda for the meeting. A full audio recording of the Superintendent's remarks is available in the Office of the Chief of Staff.

IV. Presentations

A. 2016 Bond Program Update

Chief Miranda presented information regarding the 2016 Bond Program Update. The presentation included an update of the construction schedule, the project timeline for deploying technology, a comparison of the technical specifications of the new teacher laptops vs. the teacher laptops that are being replaced, and timelines for major milestones and detailed costs of deferred maintenance by campus.

B. 2017-2018 Targeted Elements for Clark Intermediate School and Dekaney High School

Chief Hinojosa presented information regarding the 2017-2018 Targeted Elements for Clark Intermediate School and Dekaney High School. Targeted elements for Clark Intermediate included: Reading – By the end of the 2017-2018 school year, the percent of all students who scored "*approaches grade level*" will increase from 54% to 75%, Writing – By the end of the 2017-2018 school year, the percent of all students who scored "*approaches grade level*" will increase from 42% to 70%, Science – By the end of the 2017-2018 school year, the percent of all students who scored "*approaches grade level*" will increase from 53% to 70%, and Math – By the end of the 2017-2018 school year, the percent of all students who scored "*approaches grade level*" will increase from 59% to 75%.

Targeted elements for Dekaney High School included: Algebra 1 EOC – By the end of the 2017-2018 school year, the percent of all students who scored "*approaches mastery level*" will increase from 44% to 54%, Biology 1 EOC – By the end of the 2017-2018 school year, the percent of all students who scored "*approaches mastery level*" will increase from 56% to 66%, English 1 EOC and English II EOC – By the end of the 2017-2018 school year, the percent of all students who scored "*approaches mastery level*" on English I EOC will increase from 24% to 40% and the percent of all students who scored "*approaches master level*" on English II EOC will increase from 33% to 43%, and U.S. History EOC – By the end of the 2017-2018 school year, the percent of all students who scored "*approaches mastery level*" will increase from 79% to 85%.

C. EVERY day counts. Attendance Matters – Spring Independent School District's Attendance Initiative

Chief Hinojosa presented information regarding EVERY day counts. Attendance Matters – Spring Independent School District's Attendance Initiative. The presentation included the three target audiences (staff, students, and parents), the three-step approach (climate & culture, awareness, and systems & structures), use of the Mizuni Dashboard for viewing attendance data, and a comparison between 2016-2017 attendance rates and 2017-2018 attendance rates.

D. Acceptance of Grant Funds

Chief Hinojosa presented information regarding the Acceptance of Grant Funds. The presentation included a total of \$1.9 million in proposed grant funds for: Harris County Department of Education 21st Century Community Learning Center (\$152,000), Region IV 2017-2018 School Support Grant (\$39,061.62), and 21st Century Community Learning Center (\$1,746,000).

V. Chief Financial Officer

A. 2017 Appraisal Roll Certification

Chief Westbrook presented information regarding the 2017 Appraisal Roll Certification. The presentation included the Harris County Appraisal District's 2017 certified property values for our District.

B. 2017 Tax Rate

Chief Westbrook presented information regarding the 2017 Tax Rate. A tax rate of \$1.51 for the 2017 tax year was presented consisting of \$1.04 for maintenance and operations and .47¢ for debt services.

C. Taxpayer Refunds

Chief Westbrook presented information regarding Taxpayer Refunds. The Board was presented with a report consisting of refunds exceeding \$500.

D. Report of Agreement Renewals Exceeding \$50,000

Chief Westbrook presented information regarding the Report of Agreement Renewals Exceeding \$50,000. The Board was presented with a report consisting of agreements the District has renewed with a contract value exceeding \$50,000.

| Date | Vendor | Description | Amount |
|------------|-------------------------|--|----------|
| 08/22/2017 | Mizuni, Inc. | Mizuni Database Annual Maintenance & Support Agreement | \$60,000 |
| 09/14/2017 | Certica Solutions, Inc. | Data Validation Software Maintenance Agreement | \$58,717 |

E. Report of Purchasing Cooperative Purchases Exceeding \$50,000

Chief Westbrook presented information regarding the Report of Purchasing Cooperative Purchases Exceeding \$50,000. The Board was presented with a report consisting of purchases exceeding \$50,000 that were made by the District through one or more authorized purchasing cooperatives.

| Date | Vendor | Description | Amount |
|------------|----------------------------------|---|-------------|
| 8/16/2017 | Dell Computer Corporation | Dell Laptops & Video Adapter – HDMI/VGA | \$2,403,392 |
| 08/17/2017 | SHI | Server, software and first year maintenance for District printers compatibility | \$58,520 |
| 08/18/2017 | Northwest Evaluation Association | Universal Screener (Map Growth) & Progress Monitoring Tool (MAP Skills) | \$460,141 |
| 8/23/2017 | Buckeye Cleaning Center | Custodial Products for Distribution Center | \$1,349 |
| 8/23/2017 | Liberty Paper | Copy Paper | \$95,550 |
| 9/7/2017 | Identisys, Inc. | Body Cameras for Police Officers | \$69,916 |
| 9/8/2017 | Renaissance Learning, Inc. | K-12 Education Software, Assessment Tools & Professional Services | \$106,031 |

VI. Closed Session

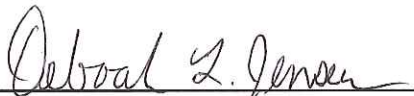
There was no closed session.

- A. Under Section 551.071 - For the purpose of a private consultation with the Board's attorney on any or all subjects or matters authorized, including any item posted on this agenda
- B. Under Section 551.072 - For the purpose of discussing the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property
- C. Under Section 551.074 - For the purpose of considering the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee or to hear complaints or charges against a public officer or employee
 - 1. The Board will deliberate on employees nominated for special recognition
 - 2. The Board will deliberate regarding the Superintendent's evaluation
- D. Under Section 551.076 - To consider the deployment, or specific occasions for implementation, of security personnel or devices

VII. Action on Closed Session Items

VIII. Adjournment

On a motion by Trustee Bell, seconded by Trustee Newhouse, the Board unanimously adjourned the meeting at 7:13 P.M.


Deborah L. Jensen, President


Rhonda R. Newhouse, Secretary